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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT: U. S. Air Force Contract with the University of Colorado to Report on the UFO Situation

1. As verbally reported to you during our morning staff meetings, the U. S. Air Force contract with the University of Colorado to investigate the UFO situation is now underway. This contract is set at $325,000 and is scheduled for completion in 18 months. Dr. E. U. Condon, formerly Director of U. S. Bureau of Standards and now a Professor, leads the project at the University of Colorado.

2. Early in the proceedings Brig. General Ed Giller, USAF, emerged in the U. S. Air Force Deputy Chief of Staff, Research & Development Office (AFRST) along with Dr. Thomas Ratchford as the Washington leaders monitoring the project. Giller contacted Lundahl about the project and a line of informal liaison was set up with Ratchford by which the USAF might get certain technical advices and services such as measurements and enlargements of alleged UFO photos. These photos are rare so very little work and no commitment of NPIC are yet involved. These informal arrangements were made known to USAF representatives and Lundahl offered to keep them posted of any Air Force photos which might be of interest.

3. It is now requested by Ratchford that certain scientists be permitted to come to NPIC on 20 February to discuss technical aspects of photogrammetry and to see some of our special optical gear which is used to measure, enlarge, or trace isodensitometry of photos. These scientists include:

Dr. E. U. Condon -	University Colorado
Dr. Robert Lowe	" "
Dr. David Saunders	" "
Dr. William Price	Ex Director of AFRST
Dr. John Coleman	Ex Director of the National Academy of Sciences

These personnel are all cleared for at least USAF Secret.

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4. I can accommodate this USAF request but before doing so I would like your approval. I have told USAF representatives that I can have no part in writing whatever they might conclude on this UFO phenomena but that I might be able to help them technically and thereby add to the government's cost effectiveness program. At the same time I might be able to preserve a CIA window on this program for whatever use DDS&T might want to make of it.

5. I think that we should keep some views on this effort. Should you decide that I must refuse the visitors a technical briefing at NPIC, I would still recommend that two of our technical people be permitted to conduct a photogrammetric round-table discussion for the scientists elsewhere.

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